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Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate Meeting
3 February 1997

I. Agenda

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call - See Attachment A.

C. Approved the December and the January minutes as printed.

D. Announcements

1. Status of Faculty Senate Recommendation:

a. #17 - BIOL 655 Fisheries Management was sent to the Vice-Provost for approval. No information has been received about its status.

2. A copy of the 1996 Affirmative Action Plan Update has been received by Faculty Senate. If you would like to review the document contact the senate president.

3. Board of Regents Report

a. The Student Advisory Committee has met with the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents several times and will be forwarding a draft of the Instructor Information Questionnaire to all of the campuses. This questionnaire is to aid students in their selection of classes. Student Affairs will be dealing with this issue when the draft is received.

b. The BOR of has prepared a brochure that is being distributed to schools to answer questions about qualified admissions and the precollege curriculum.

c. The Governor recommended an overall budget increase for FHSU of 3.5%. He has recommended a 3.5% merit increase for faculty, a 3.5% increase in student labor budget, a 2% increase in OOE, and funding a \$38,071 tuition financed technology enhancement for FHSU. The Governor also recommended \$7.5 million-time technology equipment request for the Regents universities (BOR is recommending that FHSU receive \$406,150 of that allocation).

E. Standing Committees

1. Academic Affairs - Senator Martha Holmes

a. Course proposals

1) MACS 369 Java Programming. (3) In depth study of object-oriented programming with implementation of standard data structures using classes and methods; design of Applets and their transport over the internet, use of Java class libraries, and use of Java in networking and multimedia.

Motion Passed

2) INT 430 Leadership in Information Networking. (3) This course is devoted to studying the role of leadership in information networking. The prime focus is on how to facilitate meaningful communication, develop organizational missions, and establish realistic goals and objectives using contemporary leadership theories and practices appropriate to information networking. 118-430-0-0699. Requisites: INT 255 or PERM.

Motion Passed

3) INT 450 Research Methods in Information Networks. (3) This course studies information gathering and how quantitative and qualitative research methods are used in the electronic media, computer networking, and telecommunications industries. 118-450-0-0699. Requisites: PR, INT 255 and at least nine hours in the program.

Motion Passed

2. By-laws and Standing Rules - Senator Rich Huguen

a. Nominating Committee for the Senate Offices of Vice President (will become president the next year) and Secretary.

Jean Gleichsner
Stephen Shapiro
Dianna Koerner

Richard Huguen
Willis Watt

Interested senators may contact any member of the committee to nominate themselves or nominate a fellow senator. All nominees will be contacted prior to placing their name on the ballot.

3. External Affairs and Faculty Salary - Senator Mike Miller
No Report

4. Student Affairs - Senator Craig Shwery
No Report

5. University Affairs - Senator Martin Shapiro

a. University Affairs will meet on Friday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room to discuss the two motions (see below) sent to committee from the December meeting. All interested faculty are invited to attend.

Motion 1: The faculty of each department will select their chair using a process generally accepted among faculty, and will serve at the pleasure of the majority of faculty within the department.

Motion 2: No change within the university administrative structure by unit of service or individual personnel can take place without the advice and consent of the Faculty Senate.

A third item that will be discussed deals with departments being combined or split off from one another.

Senator Trout suggested that on the second motion the term "advice" should be struck out.

F. Old Business
None

G. New Business

1. Senator Britten sought input about commencement. He noted that Faculty have been pushed to the back during commencement. To solve this problem he was seeking a general reaction to the idea that each department would send at least 50% of its faculty. This would eliminate a couple of rows of chairs.

Senator Pruitt noted the procession used to be ordered by degree and rank. Now it is by department and he does not like it.

Several senators noted that the faculty should be moved up to the front and that the students should stay for the entire ceremony.

Most faculty agreed with the proposed change.

2. Senator Guss made a motion and it was seconded by Senator Stephen Shapiro that: "The FHSU Faculty Senate will formulate an evaluation plan for administration which will include general and individual assessment, reporting guidelines, and areas for appraisal."

An ad hoc committee was assigned to address this topic. Senators Tom Guss, Martin Shapiro, John Durham, and Rich

Hughen volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee. The Provost will be asked to send a representative and a student will also be appointed to the ad hoc committee.

The Senate approved assigning this topic to this ad hoc committee.

H. Reports from the Liaisons

1. Classified Senate - Senator Debora Scheffel
No Report

2. Instructional Technology Policy Advisory Committee -
Senator Jean Anna Sellers

ITPAC will make the following recommendations:

Whereas, the ITPAC recognizes the importance of supporting instructors in developing and implementing mediated courses with consideration for the time and resources commitment needed for various types of mediated delivery.

ITPAC recommends that chairs, with the approval of the appropriate demand, determine required reassigned time in instructional assignments to develop and implement mediated courses.

Whereas, the mediated and ITV classrooms should be at the forefront of new technology;

ITPAC recommends that all technology in these classrooms should be replaced annually, that 15% of the annual cost should be allocated for upkeep, and that the old ITV and mediated classroom computers should be placed in faculty offices.

3. Faculty and Staff Development - Senator John Durham

No Report

4. Library Committee - Senator Steven Trout

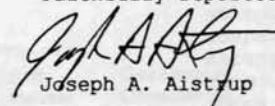
No Report

5. Student Government Association - Student Affairs
Committee No Report

6. General Education Committee - Senator Martha Holmes
No Report.

I. Adjournment: 4:05

Faithfully reported by:


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